

Docket No. 0600-1036
Appln. No. 10/044,527

REMARKS

At the outset, applicants would like to thank Examiner Webman for his time and consideration of the above-identified application at the interview of September 28, 2005 with the undersigned attorney, Didier Boulinguez, Frederic Niemann, Bruno Quenon, Veronique Thelliez, and Andrew Patch. At the interview, the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action of May 25, 2004 and amendment of August 6, 2004 filed in response to the outstanding Official Action were discussed. Applicants also proposed that two additional claims be added to the application.

It was agreed that the amendment of August 6, 2004 places claims 37-45 in condition for allowance. As to the proposed claims, claims 46 and 47 have been added. Claim 46 is directed to a sweet of boiled sugar comprising a powdered saccharide conferring on the sweet of boiled sugar a rough texture. The powdered saccharide exhibits a particle size of greater than 200 microns and a melting point of greater than 110°C. Claim 47 is directed to a process for the preparation of a sweet of boiled sugar according to claim 46. Support for claims 46-47 may be found in claims 37-45 and in the present specification at page 3, lines 10-15.

As discussed, it is believed that SHARMA et al. fails to disclose or suggest a composition with a powdered saccharide as claimed.

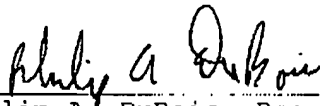
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In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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